

REMARKS

Claims 12, 15, and 16 were pending in this application. The Office Action rejected Claims 12, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Office Action also rejected Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants have amended Claims 15 and 16. Applicants have also canceled Claim 12. Applicants request reconsideration of Claims 15 and 16 in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 15 and 16

The Office Action rejected Claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, since there was insufficient basis for the limitation "the recipient alias." Applicants have amended Claims 15 and 16 to recite "the recipient identifier" instead of the above phrase. Claims 15 and 16 both contain proper antecedent basis for the amended recitation. Accordingly, Applicants have overcome the § 112 rejection.

Objection to Claims 15 and 16

The Office Action stated that Claims 15 and 16 would be allowable if overcome the § 112 rejection. Applicants have amended Claims 15 and 16 to overcome the § 112 rejection. Accordingly, Claims 15 and 16 are allowable.

Rejection of Claim 12

The Office Action rejected Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Although applicants disagree with the Office Action that Claim 12 is unpatentable over Edelsein et al (U.S. 5,764,906) in view of Kane et al (U.S. 5,487,100) and in further view of Okada (U.S. 6,101,548), applicants have cancelled Claim 12 to expedite prosecution of Claims 15 and 16.


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Conclusion

Applicants have amended Claims 15 and 16 and submitted remarks in support of allowance of Claims 15 and 16. Accordingly, Applicants believe the present application is now in condition for allowance with Claims 15 and 16. If the Examiner wishes to direct any questions concerning this application to the undersigned Applicants' representative, please call the number indicated below.

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